

Iron County Register

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Giving with the hope of receiving is base usury.

It is a poor blizzard that blows no plumb good.

Self-reliance is the safety valve of a sensible citizen.

The price of meat continues to fall with the steady, resistless, yet imperceptible motion of a glacier.

Good eggs are said to be scarce. The readers of current news do not need to be informed that bad eggs are plentiful.

The great men of the future of the United States are the men who are surest in 1907 that nothing can keep the United States from moving, and moving forward.

Poverty is not an unmixed evil. Some men would rejoice if they were so poor that their wives could not afford to put more than one set of curtains on the same window.

A prominent actress lately collapsed from the nervous strain of continually putting on handsome gowns. The cynical will shake their heads at such an ordeal like this overcoming any normal woman.

The Portuguese government is now beginning a crusade against graft. It will probably be found that it is easier to eliminate the bomb-thrower and anarchist than to get rid of those who practice the gentle art of grafting.

That station agent out in Indiana who shot a would-be ticket buyer who rushed up to the window in a hurry one night had been held up only a short time previously. Still a man whose nerves are so near the surface as all that ought to have a nice safe job packing excelsior.

Now an Indiana professor is telling educators that children should be encouraged to look cross-eyed, as it gives them the power of near vision. A few more theories and fads of this kind will bring the schools to the condition of near idiocy, to say nothing of a future cross-eyed generation.

Oklahoma starts off with a snug little "nest egg." The state has received from the national government \$5,000,000, which is awarded in lieu of the school lands in Indian Territory. The money will be deposited in banks in the new state and should come in handy for many useful purposes.

An English literary light, who has come over to make the usual exhaustive study of America and Americans in the course of a few weeks, has already announced that the Americans are hunting for the dollar. And she might have added that the Englishmen are marrying the Americans' dollars when found as fact as they possibly can.

Uncle Sam is a good employer. With 306,140 persons in his employ, there is never a strike or suggestion of one. At the same time his business is conducted with profit. If his methods were imitated by large corporations and industries having long lists of employees there would be a decided diminution of what are known as labor troubles.

Swarthmore decides against Miss Jeanes' million-dollar bequest, which was made on condition that competitive athletics be not allowed, not so much because it loves athletics as because it wanted its hands free. Freedom under certain circumstances is worth a million and even more has been paid for it. Nevertheless those good Quakers must look longingly after the vanishing million.

Of the hunting accidents reported this season, every one that has yet come under our notice, says the Youth's Companion has been due to some cause so familiar that it has been mentioned year after year for generations. They can all be summed up as "Didn't know it was loaded," "Pulled the gun muzzle toward him through a fence," or "out of a wagon," or "in a boat." If hunters would keep these few simple things in mind, many lives would be saved every year.

That a large part of the eastern fresh halibut comes from the Pacific coast will probably surprise many of the lovers of that huge fish. The business of western halibut is growing constantly, and the supply going to Boston comprises about all of the 25,000,000 pounds a year taken by the fishermen in Seattle and Alaska. The fish is carefully boxed and iced down, and then rushed to Boston by express freight and sold back again to New York, Chicago, and other large centers for distribution. Comparatively little halibut is brought to Boston in vessels.

A man in New Jersey who planned a literary retreat for authors has become bankrupt. Authors nowadays scorn literary retreats. They occupy marble cottages and palatial residences on private estates.

With a Nubian lion and an American jaguar dying of excessive fury in a New York zoo and an elephant belonging to a circus dead of a "broken heart," induced by grief, some excuse seems to be afforded nature writers who find close kinship between animals and men.

A Brooklyn judge has handed down an opinion deciding that a kiss cannot be heard through a brick wall. As a general warning it should be explained that this ruling applies to Brooklyn only.

The harems of two of the ministers of the sultan of Morocco have been captured and divided among rebel chiefs. If meat and milk and groceries are as high in Morocco as they are here the ministers are likely to exhibit a good deal of fortitude in bearing their affliction.

ROOT TO WARN JAPS

THE MIKADO'S EVASIVE TACTICS STRAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

MUST MEET IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Ambassador O'Brien, Tells of Fruitless Effort to Exact a Promise—Present Pact is Broken.

Washington, D. C.—Negotiations between the United States and Japan have reached a somewhat critical stage. While war as an eventuality is not seriously apprehended, largely because of Japan's unpreparedness, it is known that the historic friendly relations are strained almost to the point of breaking. The official denial given at the state department of called reports of demands having been made upon Japan are literally true in a diplomatic sense, but the denial, in a measure, is an evasion.

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Japs Dodge the Issue. Twice has he communicated to Secretary Root replies obtained from Count Hayashi, in which the Japanese government attempts adroitly to dodge the issue.

The presentation of cold statistics showing laxity, coupled with the information that congress may adopt more stringent measures, possibly an exclusion law, brought from the Japanese government the second "memorandum," which reached Secretary Root a few days ago in the form of a cablegram which cost several thousand dollars.

Secretary Root is now preparing an answer, with the assistance of several experts in oriental affairs. The Japanese government will be informed that assurances can not be given that an exclusion act will not be passed, but that the administration will exercise its influence to prevent such legislation, if possible, pending negotiations.

KANSAN ROBBED OF \$20,000.

Merchant Attacked by Negroes as He Leaves Train For Lunch.

Concordia, Kas.—J. C. Lynch of Phillipsburg was held up by two men at Belleville at 4 o'clock Saturday morning and robbed of \$8,000 in currency and \$12,000 in bank drafts. Lynch had been in business at Phillipsburg and Norton and Friday sold his stores leaving for Kansas City over the Rock Island road with the proceeds in his pocket. At Belleville he left the train to get lunch and while passing a box car two men seized him, and thrusting a revolver at him, rifled his pockets and ran. The negro train porter who was just in advance of Lynch had entered the eating house when he heard Lynch cry for aid and ran back in time to see the robbers disappear. It is believed the robbers followed Lynch to Belleville.

The officers are searching for the thieves, who took different directions, and bloodhounds have been sent for.

Arkansas Slayer Caught.

Russellville, Ark.—Yates Standridge, a convict, who escaped from the Arkansas penitentiary about a month ago and subsequently killed N. Ransum and wife and a Mrs. Overturn near Spencer, Ark., was captured in the Boston mountains by Sheriff John Hatley and posse.

Whitmore Sent to Jail. Newark, N. J.—Theodore S. Whitmore of Brooklyn, N. Y., was committed to jail on a warrant issued by Justice Brannigan, to await the grand jury's investigation of the murder of his wife, Lena, whose dead body was found in a swamp at Harrison, N. J., Dec. 26.

Vesuvius Still in Eruption.

Naples—Mount Vesuvius continues to throw out ashes and incandescent matter from its chief crater, the cone of which, formed by the last eruption, collapsed recently, the earth's tremblings being felt for long distances.

Mystery in Havemeyer Will. New York—More mystery surrounded the secreted will of the late Henry O. Havemeyer in the surrogate's office than has shrouded the probate of the will of any multi-millionaire for many years.

He Got a Tobacco Shower. Glassboro, N. J.—William Westcott received a shower of foot packages of tobacco on his birthday instead of the regulation post cards.

Escaped Prisoner Shoots Self. Dallas, Tex.—Henry Cato, aged 21 years, who escaped from the Grayson county jail at Sherman, where he was held for the murder of Alvin Frizzell, shot and fatally wounded himself at the home of his parents, near Pilot Grove.

Died to Join Sweetheart. Pittsburg, Pa.—Because of her disappointment in not being able to join her dying sweetheart, Miss Giustella Schwartz, aged 18, committed suicide in McKeesport.

Can't Chase Greased Pig. New Brunswick, N. J.—Paul Williams of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in this city, stated that the organization will not permit a greased pig race scheduled to take place in this city.

Mangled in Dear One's Sight. New Castle, Pa.—In full view of her husband and son, Mrs. Edward S. Reed stepped to her death here, when she sprang from one track to avoid a freight and was struck by a fast passenger train upon another.

THE FIRST TEST.



ASK FOR RECEIVER

GREAT WESTERN NOTE HOLDERS DECIDE ON APPOINTMENT.

CONFERENCE HELD IN COURT

Attorney Kellogg Announces Application Will Be Made to Prepare Mortgage.

London—At a meeting of the note holders of the Chicago Great Western Railway Co., with A. B. Stickney, president of the company, Wednesday afternoon, it was decided to appoint a receiver for the company, to maintain the status quo during the time necessary to prepare a first mortgage bond covering all the indebtedness of the road and to obtain a vote of the stockholders on this measure. There were many note holders at the meeting.

Hold Conference.

St. Paul, Minn.—Frank Kellogg and other attorneys representing the creditors of the Chicago Great Western railroad had a conference with Judge Sanborn of the United States circuit court at 10 o'clock on Wednesday and at its close Mr. Kellogg announced that he would appear before Judge Sanborn Wednesday afternoon with the application for a receiver for the Chicago Great Western.

"We have not yet decided who will be the receiver," said he, "as that will come up when the application is presented in court. We have merely decided that the receiver shall be asked for, as it had to come sooner or later."

Ex-Sheriffs Fight to Death.

Omaha, Neb.—In a fight at Fairfax, S. D., ex-Sheriff John Dettmann of Crawford county, Iowa, shot and killed George Taylor, ex-Sheriff of this county. The fight took place in the rear of a billiard hall in Fairfax. Taylor is alleged to have had Dettmann down when Dettmann pulled a gun and shot Taylor through the neck. Taylor died almost instantly. The fight was over an old feud.

Cold Wave in Germany.

Frankfurt-on-the-Main—Extremely cold weather prevails in this section, and many deaths from exposure and freezing have been reported. The temperature recorded shows a maximum of 16 degrees below zero centigrade (about 1 degree above zero Fahrenheit). Rivers and canals are frozen over and the streets are covered with snow and ice.

Surgeon Dies While Operating.

Berlin—What is probably a unique occurrence happened at the Birkfeld Infirmary Thursday. Dr. Merlin, who was performing an operation on a child, died suddenly of heart disease. No other surgeon was present and the child died before another one could be procured.

Steamer Mount Royal Located.

London—Reports from Fastnet confirm the report that the long overdue Canadian liner Mount Royal is off that port, and making for Queenstown under her own steam. Her machinery is out of order, the boilers having sustained a mishap on Christmas day.

3,000 New Officials.

Jackson, Miss.—One of the most complete changes ever made in the official roster of Mississippi took place when more than 3,000 new officials were sworn in. They range from state officers to constables. Recent election laws made the change more general.

Rare Jewels in Old Valise.

New York—In an unattended room in a tenement house on the East Side detectives found an old valise containing ancient jewelry valued at \$17,000 stolen Sunday from the home of Chas. F. Broker of Ansonia, Conn.

Skeleton in Woods Identified.

Ridgeway, Pa.—The skeleton found in the woods near Hicks Run has been identified by a book and a watch as Thomas Scully of Dubois, a woodsman, who has been missing since last August.

Suits to Follow Sale of London Times. London—The Observer says serious litigation is about to be commenced between the various parties concerned in the proposed sale of the Times newspaper. Many shareholders are understood to entertain strong objection to the transaction.

200 Newsboys Beat Police.

Boston, Mass.—Three officers were assaulted, stripped of their badges and hats and one officer and a bystander seriously injured in an attack on the police by 200 newsboys.

FIND TRACES OF POISON.

Ephraim Vancil of Lawrence, Kansas, Charged With Wife Murder.

Lawrence, Kas.—Ephraim Vancil has been ordered by a coroner's jury to be held for trial on a charge of murder. The action of the jury was taken when a report had been received from Prof. E. H. S. Bailey of the University of Kansas to the effect that the stomach of Mrs. Della Vancil, wife of the accused man, contained a large amount of arsenic.

Mrs. Vancil died last Sunday night. It was given out at the time that her death was caused by heart disease, brought by an attack of grip. Later the following note was found in her bed:

"Don't blame any one for this. I have intended doing this for some time, but never had a chance."

"DELLA."

Neighbors, who did not believe that Mrs. Vancil died of heart disease, secured the arrest of Vancil. They said that Vancil had neglected his wife of late. It was also asserted that Mrs. Vancil did not write the letter.

An effort is now being made to determine whether or not the writing was that of Mrs. Vancil. John Thornton of Topeka, Kas., a brother of Mrs. Vancil, says that it is not.

BURTON'S FINE DEMANDED.

Blodgett Asks That \$2,500 Judgment Be Given.

St. Louis, Mo.—An execution against former Senator Joseph R. Burton of Kansas for the fine of \$2,500 imposed in the United States district court, where he was convicted of representing get-rich-quick concerns before the postoffice department, was asked by United States District Attorney Henry W. Blodgett Thursday of James R. Gray, clerk of the United States circuit court. Mr. Gray was clerk of the district court at the time of Burton's conviction.

If Mr. Gray does not grant the execution, there being certain legal points involved, application will be made direct to the district court. Burton served a six months' term in prison.

BALTIC COAST SWEPT.

Heavy Loss of Life and Damage to Shipping Is Feared.

Kiel, Germany—The terrific coast storm which has been raging for nearly three days continues to sweep the waters of the Baltic far inland. The rolling plains in the vicinity of Lubek, which is higher than the neighboring towns, is suffering from the flood.

Despite the continued firing of alarm guns and the dispatch of mounted couriers or boatmen to threatened points, it is feared there has been considerable loss of life. The destruction of property has been enormous.

Plumbers Select Boston.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The board of directors of the National Association of Master Plumbers appropriated \$1,000 to continue its scientific investigation of the effects and best preventives of sewer gas. Boston was chosen as the place for the next convention in July.

Muskies Lure Him.

York, Pa.—The record of James Limkin, a cigarmaker of Dover, this county, as a mighty hunter consists of 250 muskrats, 16 polecats and a "possum," all slain during the year 1907. Limkin gets good prices for pelts.

Bredgeboat Burns at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn.—The United States dredgeboat Henry Fladd burned to the water's edge here.

Died at His Alma Mater.

State College, Pa.—While spending his holiday vacation with his parents here, Nathan Buckhout, an electrical engineer of Long Branch, N. J., died suddenly in the engineering building of the state college, a victim of paralysis of the brain.

Votes Down Commission Form.

Davenport, Ia.—The election on the proposition to place Davenport under the commission form of government was lost by a majority of 398 votes here.

Operation on Pettibone.

Los Angeles, Cal.—George A. Pettibone, who was brought here from Boise, Idaho, following his acquittal on the charge of killing former Governor Steunenberg, will undergo an operation shortly for ulcer.

Peace Spreads in Korea.

Tokio—Dispatches from Seoul say that in consequence of the promulgation of an edict granting immunity to insurgents surrendering their arms, large numbers are coming in and the country is quieting down.

NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Concise Report of Measures Introduced and What Action is Taken on Them.

Probe of Campaign Methods.

Washington—A resolution designed to subject the republican and democratic parties to the scrutiny of the house of representatives to determine whether they solicited or accepted campaign contributions from corporations in 1904, was introduced by Representative Hull of Tennessee. The resolution provides for the appointment of an investigating committee to consist of seven members of the house and gives the committee the usual powers of subpoena in the cases.

Hobson Preparing the Way.

Washington—Preliminary to the campaign for an enlarged and improved navy, which he purposes to wage in the house, Representative Richmond P. Hobson offered a resolution, providing for the appointment by the president of a commission, "whose duty it shall be to investigate and report to congress upon the best means of preserving the general welfare by the use and extension of arbitration and by the maintenance of armed forces."

Emergency Currency Bill.

Washington—Senator Clay introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue \$350,000,000 of non-interest-bearing United States notes in addition to the United States notes in circulation in such form as he may deem expedient. Senator Bulkley introduced a bill providing for emergency currency to be issued by banks in amounts equal to the par value of bonds to be deposited with the treasurer of the United States. It provides that United States bonds, Panama canal bonds, bonds of any state, county or municipality of not less than 50,000 population may be accepted for such purpose.

Employers' Liability Bill.

Washington—An employers' liability bill was introduced by Representative Sterling of Illinois. The measure is designed to exclude the grounds on which the present law was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States.

On State Militia.

Washington—The house committee on military decided to report favorably the joint resolution, already adopted by the senate, extending to Jan. 21, 1910, the time allowed the militia organizations of the several states and territories to conform their organization, armament and discipline to those of the regular army. Until this conformation is effected, there can be no participation by delinquent states in the increased federal appropriation for military improvement.

Increase in Army Pay.

Washington—The house committee on military considered the army pay increase bill, but reached no definite conclusion other than the general one that there should be an increase.

Fund for Consular Lands.

Washington—A resolution authorizing the president to expend \$1,373,643 in the acquisition of consular lands and buildings in China, Japan and Korea, was offered in the house by Mr. Perkins of New York, the money to be appropriated from the residue of the Boxer indemnity fund, paid to the United States by China.

Witherspoon Nomination Confirmed.

Washington—Confirmation of the nomination of Lieut. Col. William Witherspoon to be brigadier general and chief of the war college was ordered by the committee on military affairs, which act also released for confirmation a long list of officers of lower rank than Witherspoon.

Single Term Resolution.

Washington—Senator Gore of Oklahoma introduced a joint resolution providing that no person shall be eligible to be elected president of the United States for two terms in succession.

China's Indemnity Bond.

Washington—Senator Lodge introduced a joint resolution, reducing China's indemnity bond, incurred as a result of the Boxer trouble of 1900, from \$24,440,778 to \$11,655,492, with interest at 4 per cent, payment of the difference being remitted as an act of friendship to China.

Increasing Efficiency of Signal Corps.

Washington—Among bills introduced in the house was one by Mr. Hepburn of Iowa to increase the efficiency of the signal corps of the army.

The Rev. Robert Moffett Dies.

Cleveland, O.—The Rev. Robert Moffett, a well-known minister of the Disciples church, and for 25 years corresponding secretary of the General Christian Missionary Society, died at his home here, aged 72 years.

Walked to Death in Sleep.

Lebanon, Pa.—Anton Wilding of East Lebanon died at the city hospital from his injuries sustained in a fall. Walking in his sleep, Wilding stepped out of a third-story window and fell forty feet.

Jap Stir Alarms England.

London—It is understood in official circles that Ambassador Bryce will make a special trip from Washington to London in the near future to consult his government on various matters affecting Anglo-American and Japanese relations.

Bogus Marquis is Dead.

London—William Oliver, the picturesque adventurer, who, under the name of Marquis de Levisville, burst into New York society in 1886, died recently at Brighton.

Happenings in Missouri.

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

State Teachers' Association.

The State Teachers' association held its annual meeting at Joplin during the holiday week. There were 648 teachers in attendance, a number which has been exceeded only once in the 50 years of life of the organization. The association will meet in Kansas City in next annual convention December 29, 30 and 31, 1908. Resolutions were adopted providing for the following: (1) Medical inspection of schools; (2) compulsory attendance; (3) increase in salaries; (4) civil service principles in employing teachers; (5) moral training; (6) articulation of rural schools with high schools. Officers for the ensuing year are: President, Howard A. Cass, state superintendent of public instruction; first vice-president, B. G. Shackelford, Cape Girardeau normal; second vice-president, J. A. Thompson, Tarkio college; third vice-president, E. E. Dodd, Springfield, Mo.; treasurer, E. M. Carter, Jefferson City. New members to official boards are: Reading circle board, M. A. Orear, Booneville; council, J. A. Koontz, Carrollton; J. W. Barnard, Kansas City; C. C. Thadum, Washington; J. W. Storms, Nevada. Executive committee, George Melcher, Springfield; M. A. Royse, Rolla.

Judges in Conference.

The annual conference of judges of the Missouri supreme, appellate and circuit courts, recently held in St. Louis, re-elected Judge James D. Fox of the supreme court president, and Circuit Judge Alonzo D. Burns of Platte City secretary. The conference decided to appoint a commission to revise the statutes of Missouri and report to the legislature. President Fox appointed Judges Hermann Brumback of Kansas City, Samuel Davis of Marshall, W. N. Evans of West Plains, Hugh Dabbs of Joplin, B. G. Thurman of Lamar, Argus Cox of Bolivar, Daniel D. Fisher and James E. Withrow of St. Louis. There were about 25 judges, including those from St. Louis, at the meeting. The conferences are for the purpose of exchanging views as how best to correct inconsistencies and incongruities in the statutes. Recommendations will be made to the legislature for such changes as the judges may think wise.

New Democratic Club.

State Senator Frank M. McDavid has announced the standing committee of the Missouri Young Men's Democratic club. This club was organized recently at St. Louis and Senator McDavid was elected president. Following are the committees: Executive committee, John M. Atkinson, Doniphan; Thomas J. Wornall, Liberty; Thomas L. Robey, Lebanon; W. T. Ragland, Paris; John A. Blevins, St. Louis. Finance committee, A. L. Cooper, Kansas City; W. E. Spratt, St. Joseph; M. J. Conran, New Madrid; James Hageman, Jr., St. Louis; David Harris, Fulton. By-laws committee, H. J. Simmons, Clarence; Charles B. Farris, Caruthersville; Colin M. Selph, St. Louis; W. R. Paynter, Carrollton; W. L. Salmon, Tarkio.

University Notes.

Prof. Henry Hill, law instructor in the John B. Stetson university of Deland, Fla., was chosen by the board to succeed V. H. Roberts as professor of law and real property and corporation law at the university. Prof. Hill will take charge at Columbia September 1, 1908. Prof. Roberts will take up the practice of law in Texas. R. F. Walker of St. Louis was chosen non-resident lecturer of law to succeed the late L. F. Parker of St. Louis. The executive board also authorized the advertisement for bids for the new \$100,000 agricultural building at Columbia. The bids are to be opened at the March meeting of the board.

State Convention Call.

The call for the republican state convention to elect delegates to the national convention has been issued from republican headquarters at St. Louis. The convention is to be held in St. Louis February 27. It will elect four delegates at large and four alternates to the national convention. It will also nominate 15 presidential electors, two at large and one for each congressional district, and elect the Missouri member of the republican national committee. The election of a national committeeman by the convention is an entirely new arrangement in Missouri.

Killed by Falling Brick.

Just after wishing a subcontractor a happy new year William Mignery, who has the contract for the brick work on the new 11-story hotel being built at St. Joseph, was struck on the head by a brick which had fallen five stories, and instantly killed.

Tramps Dodging Johnson County.

The too-tired-to-work gentry who are looking for winter quarters at public expense are dodging Johnson county this year. The county court there is seeing to it that they get plenty of exercise on the rockpile.

Reward for a Murderer.

Gov. Folk has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of Stephen Morris, who killed Michael Pabst in Madison county, December 19. The reward stands good for one year.

The Unexpected Happened.

As an instance of how the unexpected happens the Clinton Democrat tells of a 12-year-old boy who went out for his first hunt with a Christmas gift rifle and instead of getting shot brought home a wild turkey.

St. Joseph G. A. R. Man Dead.

Robert R. Esman, aged 66, prominent in Grand army circles, and a charter member of Gustav post of this city, is dead at the family residence, 509 South Nineteenth street, from a stroke of paralysis.

Dr. Jesse Resigns.

The resignation of Dr. Richard H. Jesse, president of Missouri State university, which was tendered to the board of curators December 10, and referred by that body to a special committee, has been formally accepted, and Dr. Jesse, who has served as the executive head of the university for nearly 17 years, will retire September 1, 1908. As a special mark of distinction for his services in the cause of education the highest benefit of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching has been conferred upon him. A similar honor, it will be remembered, was conferred upon William T. Harris, former United States commissioner of education, upon his retirement from active work, and upon Chancellor W. S. Chaplin of Washington university. President Jesse is the first man at the head of any state institution to whom the Carnegie foundation benefit has gone. The maximum benefit, of \$3,000 annually for life, goes to Dr. Jesse. It is said, upon the direct recommendation of Andrew Carnegie, given in a meeting of the trustees of the society of which Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, formerly of St. Louis, is president. Mr. health makes Dr. Jesse's resignation imperative, he states. A new president has practically been decided upon. It is understood that the choice of the board is Dr. A. Ross Hill, of Cornell university.

Boys and the Farm.

The Fairfax Forum has this to say on a much discussed subject: The impression that a larger per cent of the boys raised on the farm wander to the towns and cities looking for a more pleasant occupation, is not correct. The fact is that while the majority of boys recognize the necessity of procuring an education, and sometimes go to town for this purpose, they generally understand that farming is superior to most any other kind of work and they cherish the intention of making that their life work. It is a fact that many Atchison county boys have land of their own and some of them take a pride in showing what they can do in farming. At the corn show here recently special premiums were offered for corn produced by boys, and many fine specimens were shown. The intelligent boy of today knows that farming is the most independent and profitable of occupations, and a majority of those raised on farms will devote their lives to such work. There is no doubt that the farmers of today will find competent persons to take their places as they retire from active work. Indeed, the farmer of the future promises to be far ahead of even the most successful ones of today.

Concerning the Sheriff's Terms.

Secretary of State Swanger recently mailed to the county clerks of the state a letter correcting and explaining a statement contained in the recently issued "blue book" with reference to the tenure of office of sheriff. Mr. Swanger says in his letter: My attention has been called to the statement made on page 199 of the official manual